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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

UPON THE

SANITARY CONDITION of the DISTRICT

DURING THE YEAR 1942.



TO THE RAMSEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

The report has been constructed on similar lines to the arrangement adopted for reasons of security in last year's report.

STAFF :

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

D. S. BUCHANAN, M.B., B.S., B.Hy., D.P.H.

SANITARY INSPECTOR (PART TIME)

V. J. BATEMAN, A.R.San.I.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Live Births.

Birth Rate per 1000 population 21.1

Still Births.

Rate per 1000 total births 32.5

Deaths.

Death Rate per 1000 population 11.9

Deaths from puerperal causes, rate per 1000
total births Nil

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births 94.0

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 81.8

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births 285.7

Deaths from Cancer (All ages) 9

Deaths from Measles (All ages) 0

Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages) 0

Deaths from Diarrhœa (under 2 years) 0

RATES.

	Per 1000 Population.			Per 1000 live births
	Live Births	Still Births	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
Ramsey	21.1	0.70	11.9	94
England & Wales ...	15.8	0.54	11.6	49

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

The provision of health service within the area generally remains unaltered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in the past years.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

SIR.

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1942.

Total number of Inspections made	...	...	...	187
Total number of Notices served	...	...	...	8
	(Informal 8	Statutory 0)		
Complaints received ...	...	...	Total No. of	32
Premises, houses, etc. ...	...	...	No. inspected	47
			Nuisances abated	24
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse	...	...	No. inspected	-
			Nuisances abated	-
Animals improperly kept	...	...	No. inspected	-
			Nuisances abated	-
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit	...	...	No. inspected	16
			Nuisances abated	6
Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc.	...	...	No. inspected	12
			Nuisances abated	-
House, or part thereof, overcrowded			No. inspected	-
			Nuisances abated	-
Smoke nuisances	...	...	No. of observations	-
			Nuisances abated	-
Offensive accumulations	...	...	No. inspected	1
			Nuisances abated	1
Other sanitary conditions	...	...	No. inspected	17
			Nuisances abated	10
Slaughter houses	...	...	No. licensed	6
			No. of inspections	-
Offensive trades (Public Health Act 1936)			No. established...	-
			No. of inspections	-
Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	No. houses condemned	-
			No. closed	-
			No. cleaned and limewashed...	-

					Houses affected with	
					{ Scarlet Fever,	
					{ Diphtheria	7
					Houses inspected	7
					No. of inspections	7
					Houses disinfected	7
Infectious Disease	...	...	...		Schools	—
					Disinfectant used S.O ₂ + Formaldehyde	
					Lots of clothing	
					Disinfected	7
					Lots of clothing	
					destroyed	4
Food—seizures of unwholesome					No. of	15
					New provided	—
Privy Middens	...	...			No. repaired	—
					No. converted to pails	10
					No. converted to W.C.'s	—
Pail or earth closets	...	...			New provided	—
					No. converted to W.C.'s	2
Water closets...	...	...	...		New provided	1
					No. supplied with water	1
Ashpits	...	...	...		New provided	—
					No. converted to	
					Ashbins	2
Ashbins	...	...	...		New provided	—
					Samples taken for	
					analysis	—
					Samples condemned	—
					Wells closed	—
					Wells cleansed,	
					repaired, etc....	—
Water supply	...	...	...		Public supply sub-	
					stituted for well	
					or pond	—
					Cisterns cleansed,	
					repaired, covered	—
					Waste pipes dis-	
					connected from drain	—
Housing, Act 1936	...	...	..		No. houses closed	—
					„ „ made habitable	—
					„ „ demolished	—
Building Bye Laws adopted	...	...	...			15/12/39
Total Legal Proceedings, <i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, etc.						—
					Convictions	...

V. J. BATEMAN. *Sanitary Inspector*

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DIPHThERIA IMMUNISATION.

Under the present system whereby immunisation against Diphtheria is purely a voluntary matter, the complete immunisation of all children, both of School age and under School age, will never be achieved.

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The response so far as School children are concerned has been maintained as in former years, and in connection with children of under School age, the response of the parents is showing definite signs of improvement from year to year.

During the 12 months ended 31st December, 1942, the number of children immunised was as follows :

Under 5 years of age	122	} 253	Estimated percentage of children immunised up to the end of 1942:- Under 5 yrs. 44.3%. Over 5 yrs. 81.6%
Over 5 years of age	131		

The arrangements made by the Local Authority to cover this scheme of free immunisation against diphtheria have been found to function in an extremely satisfactory manner and have been adequate to meet all requirements.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2	2	—	—	—	1	—	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the Compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

D. S. BUCHANAN,

Medical Officer of Health